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Subject: NEWS FROM EPA - Navy Discharge Permit Action
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Ms Molloy,

Its good to hear that EPA will still accepts public comments on the proposed permit, and that a new public comment will be set if the proposed permit is revised. If EPA is still taking comments on what was proposed, then EPA needs to inform people of that fact. As you know, the public has been told by EPA that the public comment period ended November 14.

EPA has a list of those sent the Fact Sheet and Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, including Tribes, elected officials, and members of the public. All need to be notified that they can still make comments. As you pointed out, their comments might be helpful in the EPA's current review of the pending proposed permit.

I am a boat owner that uses the waters impacted by WNAS's stormwater discharges. I would like to be on the mailing list regarding this permit.

Sincerely,

Rick Abraham

FYI EPA

On Nov 25, 2019, at 10:15 AM, Molloy, Jennifer <molloy.jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes – if the permit is revised in any notable way, we will open another public comment period. It's not our intent to short-shrift public input; we only wanting to ensure that people are not commenting on an outdated version of the permit, *if* it turns out that we modify it. There's no decision on that yet. Meanwhile, we will continue to take comments and suggestions, if people want to submit them.

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From: Richard Abraham (b) (6)
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Subject: Re: Update on Draft Naval Air Station Whidbey Island MS4 Permit Action

Ms Molloy,

I will convey to others what you have conveyed to me. Will EPA open another comment period if the permit is revised? As you know, the public was not aware of the true nature of the permitted's discharges during much of the previous public comment period. They should not be twice denied the time and opportunity to make fully informed comments.

Thanks,

Rick Abraham

On Nov 25, 2019, at 9:23 AM, Molloy, Jennifer

<molloy.jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

I just want to clarify for you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has **not** issued the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit. As you know the public notice period just closed on November 14. We are: 1) considering all comments received, and 2) consulting with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the possible effects on endangered species. Both of these tasks will inform our decision about this permit. We appreciate the public interest and the local concerns about this permit.

Perhaps some additional context on the purpose of this particular permit would also be helpful. This permit would not authorize new discharges or activities, and the permit would not have a bearing on the Navy's other environmental compliance responsibilities at the air station. Rather, it would require the Navy to implement a number of pollution controls on the existing municipal storm sewer discharges that have been ongoing for many years every time there is a notable amount of rainfall. More information on the scope of the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) program is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-municipal-sources>.

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